

years ago during the time of the grand jury investigation-- whether you had more than two of the four shells, or three or four of them, do you? A I can't recall that at this time; no, sir.

Q Mr. Totten, were you in charge of this investigation after it got going--of course, under Mr. Beekman? A Under Mr. Beekman and under Mr. Stricker's office.

Q And yet you don't recall the rather important fact as to whether you had two or three or four shells? A I don't recall the number there were; no, sir.

Q How long have you been a county detective, Mr. Totten?

A Prior to that time?

Q Yes. A About twenty-eight years.

Q Twenty-eight years? A Yes.

Q Have you any idea how many homicide cases you have investigated for the State in that period? A A great many. I don't know the exact number.

Q But a great many? A Yes, sir.

Q And did you adopt the usual course of procedure in this case that you did, so far as you recall, in other cases?

A Generally; yes, sir.

Q So that you didn't consider it of particular importance whether you obtained the shells or not? A It was of importance, yes, but, now, the shells may be there. I am a little